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Hideo NARITA et al.) Group Art Unit: 3682
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and non-patent literature document are attached.

The German Patent Office cited two of the foreign patent documents, DE 33 32 040 A1 and WO 01/51259 A2, in an Office Action on a corresponding application. As

may be seen by their respective claims to the same U.S. Patent Application No. 415,365, filed September 7, 1982, GB 2 126 559 A is an English language application related to DE 33 32 040 A1. Applicants have informed the undersigned that GB 2 126 559 A is an equivalent of DE 33 32 040 A1. Applicants have provided the undersigned with both the enclosed copy of and an English translation of the German Patent Office Action that cites DE 33 32 040 A1 and WO 01/51259 A2 and sets forth the German Patent Office's view of the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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